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PRIMARY ACADEMIC POSITION	2020 -	Assistant Professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
EDUCATION	2019	Ph.D., Economics, University of California at Berkeley <i>Dissertation:</i> "Agency and Market Efficiency in the U.S. Health Care Industry" <i>Advisors:</i> Benjamin Handel & Jonathan Kolstad
	2011	B.Sc., Mathematics and Economics, American University
OTHER ACADEMIC POSITIONS	2023 -	Faculty Research Fellow (Economics of Health), National Bureau of Economic Research
	2023 -	Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
	2021 -	Faculty Affiliate, Healthcare Markets and Regulation Lab, Harvard University
	2021 -	Faculty Affiliate, Gilbert Center, UC Berkeley
	2020 -	Faculty Affiliate, Becker-Friedman Institute, University of Chicago
	2019 - 2020	Postdoctoral Associate, Tobin Center for Economic Policy, Yale University
PUBLICATIONS		"What Does a Deductible Do? The Impact of Cost-Sharing on Health Care Prices, Quantities, and Spending Dynamics" (with Amitabh Chandra, Benjamin Handel, and Jonathan Kolstad), <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> , 2017, 132(3): 1261-1318
		"The Behavioral Foundations of Default Effects: Theory and Evidence from Medicare Part D" (with Timothy Layton, Boris Vabson, and Adelina Yanyue Wang), <i>American Economic Review</i> , 2023, 113(10): 2718-2758
		"Is There Too Little Antitrust Enforcement in the US Hospital Sector?" (with Zack Cooper, Stuart Craig, and Lev Klarnet), <i>American Economic Review: Insights</i> , 2024, 6(4): 526-542
WORKING PAPERS		"Rationing Medicine Through Bureaucracy: Authorization Restrictions in Medicare" (with Samantha Burn, Timothy Layton and Boris Vabson), accepted at <i>American Economic Review</i>
		"Who Pays For Rising Health Care Prices? Evidence from Hospital Mergers" (with Zack Cooper, Stuart Craig, Lev Klarnet, Ithai Lurie, and Corbin Miller), revision requested at <i>American Economic Review</i>
		"Privatizing Social Health Insurance: Medicare Advantage vs. Traditional Medicare" (with Yalun Su, Boris Vabson, Scott Bilder, Barton Jones, Iman Mohammadi, Zulkarnain Pulungan, and Christie Teigland), revision requested at <i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i>
		"Intermediation and Vertical Integration in the Market for Surgeons" (with Mathijs de Vaan)
RESEARCH IN PROGRESS		"Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Vertical Relationships in Drug Supply" (with Catherine Che and Benjamin Handel)
		"Labor Market Consequences of Hospital Mergers" (with Zack Cooper, Stuart Craig, Genna Liu, and Ithai Lurie)
		"Patience: Queuing in the English National Health Service" (with Samantha Burn and Clara Schreiner)
		"Full Insurance Coverage for Prescription Injectable Insulin" (with Sriteja Reddy Burla, Steven Buschbach, and Zack Cooper)
		"Productivity Spillovers, Common Agency, and the Underprovision of Hospital Performance Incentives"
		"Price Regulation with Exceptions"

TEACHING	2025 - Advanced Microeconomics for Policy Analysis II (PhD) 2025 - Evidence in Health Policy (Undergraduate/Masters) 2020 - 2023 Principles of Microeconomics and Public Policy I (Masters)
GRANTS AWARDED	2024 - 2029 National Institute on Aging P01, "The Health Impact of Administrative Burdens for People with ADRD" (PLs: Gottlieb/Layton), project within "Healthcare Decision-Making and Outcomes for People Living with Alzheimer's Disease" (PIs: Baicker/Simon) 2023 Washington Center for Equitable Growth, "Tracking Hospital Mergers and Understanding Which Markets are Changing" (PI: Cooper) 2022 - 2024 Commonwealth Fund, "Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Vertical Relationships in Drug Supply" (PI: Handel) 2022 - 2024 Arnold Ventures, "Pharmacy Benefit Managers and Vertical Relationships in Drug Supply" (PI: Handel) 2021 Becker-Friedman Institute, "Rationing Medicine Through Bureaucracy: Authorization Restrictions in Medicare" (Principal Investigator) 2020 - 2022 Arnold Ventures, "Key Competition Issues in Health Care Markets: Private Equity Ownership, Vertical Integration, and the Labor Market Effects of Hospital Consolidation" (PI: Cooper) 2020 - 2022 Arnold Ventures, "Competition Between Pharmacy Benefit Managers: A Structural Analysis of Two-Sided B2B Markets" (PIs: Brot-Goldberg/Handel/Kolstad) 2015 - 2016 Jameel Poverty Action Lab, U.S. Health Care Delivery Initiative, "Mobile-izing Medicine: The Effect of Accessible Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Quality of Hospital Care" (PI: Handel)
HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS	2025 Jerry S. Cohen Memorial Fund Writing Award, Best Antitrust Publication of 2024 on Healthcare 2023 ASHEcon Program Chair Award 2019 Richard Scheffler Health Economics Dissertation Award 2018 - 2019 UC Berkeley Doctoral Completion Fellowship 2018 NIHCM Foundation Health Care Research Award 2015 - 2018 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship 2015 UC Berkeley Psychology and Economics Student Prize 2013 - 2015 Departmental Fellowship, UC Berkeley Economics Department
INVITED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED*)	2026 Georgia State University (CEAR/GSRS Health Insurance Workshop)*, Northwestern Kellogg (Strategy)* 2025 NBER (Economics of Health), NBER (Economics of Aging), Toulouse School of Economics, Imperial College London, Indiana University, ASHEcon (3 discussions) 2024 George Washington (CHESS), Johns Hopkins, UIUC Gies (Finance), Chicago Booth, ASHEcon (1 discussion), Chicago 2023 Penn Wharton (Health Care Management), UCLA Anderson (Strategy), UCLA Public Health (Pharmaceutical Economics and Policy), NBER (Public Economics), BFI Health Economics Initiative Annual Conference, Hal White Antitrust Conference, ASHEcon (1 presentation, 1 discussion), NBER Summer Institute (Aging), Northwestern Conference on Antitrust Economics and Competition Policy, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago 2022 Chicago Booth, UC Berkeley, APPAM (1 presentation, 1 discussion), CEPRA/NBER Conference on Aging, Cognitive Ability, and Decision-Making (1 presentation, 1 discussion), NYU, Notre Dame, IIOC (1 presentation, 1 discussion), Bates White Life Sciences Symposium, SITE Conference on the IO of Healthcare and Consumer Finance Markets, US Treasury OTA Annual Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago 2021 ASSA Meeting (1 presentation), UC Berkeley/Chicago (joint seminar), ASHEcon (2 discussions), Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, 12th Annual Empirical Health Law Conference, NBER (Public Economics/Insurance)

2020	BU/Harvard/MIT Health Economics Seminar, ASHEcon (1 discussion), Georgetown McDonough
2019	Columbia GSB, Duke Fuqua, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Yale SOM, UBC, Federal Trade Commission, Chicago Harris, Becker Friedman Institute Health Economics Initiative Annual Conference, ASHEcon (2 presentations, 1 discussion), NBER Summer Institute (Health Care), Yale Economics, Annual Health Economics Conference, Midwest IO Fest, FTC Microeconomics Conference, Yale Health Policy & Management
2018	ASHEcon (2 discussions), UC Berkeley (IO and Haas EAP)
2016	Nuna Health, ASHEcon (1 presentation, 2 discussions)

PH.D. STUDENTS
WITH PLACEMENT
* (CO-)PRIMARY
ADVISOR

Scott Loring*, Chicago Harris Ph.D., 2023, Cornerstone Research
 Maya Lozinski*, Chicago Harris Ph.D./MD, 2024/2025, Massachusetts General Hospital, Internal Medicine (Residency)
 Yalun Su*, Chicago Harris Ph.D., 2025, Analysis Group
 Catherine Che, UC Berkeley Economics Ph.D., expected 2026
 Felicity Zhang*, Chicago Harris Ph.D., expected 2026

PHD PLACEMENT OF
PREDOCTORAL
RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

Jon Kroah, 2021, Wisconsin Economics PhD
 Lev Klarinet, 2023, Harvard Business Economics PhD
 Michelle Gard, 2025, UC Berkeley Health Policy PhD

PREDOCTORAL
POSITIONS

2017 Research Assistant to Joseph Farrell
 2013 - 2015 Consulting Researcher, Microsoft Research New England
 2014 - 2015 Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley
 Sp. 2015 ECON 201B, *Economic Theory*, Benjamin Hermalin
 Fa. 2014 ECON 191, *Topics in Economic Research*, Joseph Farrell
 2014 Research Assistant to Benjamin Handel
 2011 - 2013 Research Assistant, Microsoft Research New England

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

2025 Co-organizer, NBER Economics of Health Conference
 2023 Co-organizer, Becker-Friedman Institute IO+ Conference
 2023 Scientific committee, Midwest Health Economics Conference
 2021 - 2024 Co-organizer, UChicago Harris Public Policy and Economics Workshop
 2020 - Co-organizer, UChicago CHeSS Health Economics Workshop
 2020 *American Economic Review* Excellence in Refereeing Award

Ad-hoc reviewer for *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review*, *American Economic Review: Insights*, *American Journal of Health Economics*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, *Econometrica*, *Health Affairs*, *Health Economics*, *Health Services Research*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Health Economics*, *Journal of Industrial Economics*, *Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Risk and Insurance*, *Marketing Science*, *Quantitative Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *RAND Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*